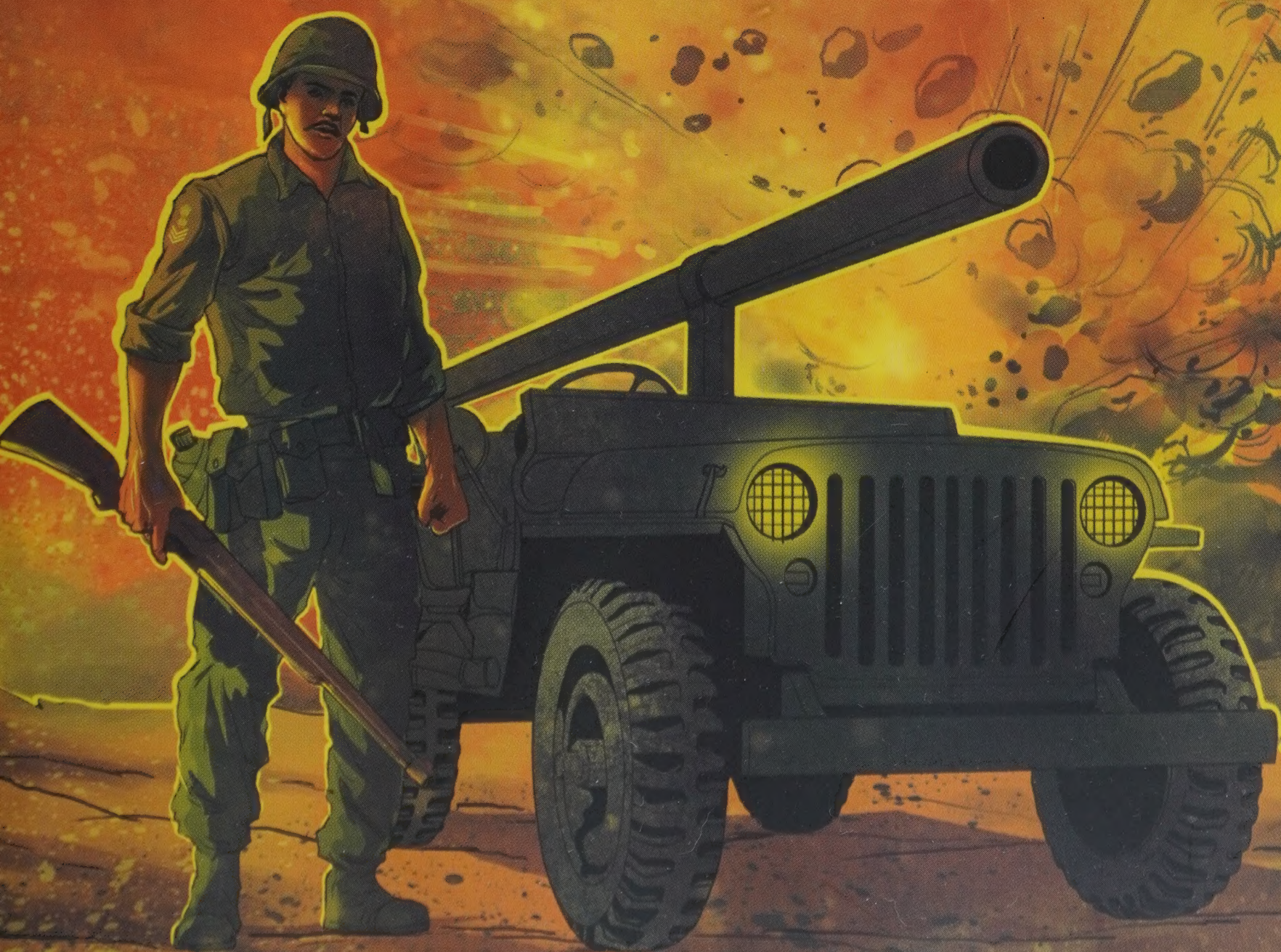


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COMPANY QUARTER MASTER
HAVILDAR

ABDUL HAMID





COMPANY QUARTER MASTER HAVILDAR ABDUL HAMID

Company Quarter-Master Havildar
Abdul Hamid was born on
1 July 1933 at village Dhamupur of Ghazipur
district of Uttar Pradesh. He was enrolled in the 4
Grenadiers on 27 December 1954. During the
1965 Indo-Pak war, he exhibited exceptional
bravery and personal courage as commander of a
RCL gun detachment and put up a gallant fight.
He was posthumously awarded the highest war
time gallantry medal, Param Vir Chakra, for his
sustained act of bravery and disregard for personal
safety.

DHAMUPUR IS A SMALL VILLAGE IN GHAZIPUR DISTRICT OF UTTAR PRADESH. THERE WAS A LOT OF ACTIVITY OUTSIDE A TAILORING SHOP.

PLEASE STITCH THESE QUICKLY.

YES BHAIIJAAN. ABDUL, PLEASE TAKE MEASUREMENTS PROPERLY.

I WANT TO DO SOMETHING BIGGER. I WANT TO SERVE MY COUNTRY.

ONE DAY A FRIEND OF ABDUL HAMID WHO WAS IN THE ARMY CAME VISITING.

YOU LOOK SO GOOD IN UNIFORM. I TOO WANT TO JOIN THE ARMY.

WHY DON'T YOU! YOU ARE A GOOD SPORTSMAN. IT WILL BE EASY FOR YOU.

YOUNG ABDUL HAMID APPROACHED HIS FATHER SEEKING PERMISSION TO JOIN THE ARMY.

ABBA,
I WANT TO JOIN
THE ARMY.

WHY? YOU SHOULD
STAY AT HOME, STITCH CLOTHES
AND EARN A DECENT LIVING.

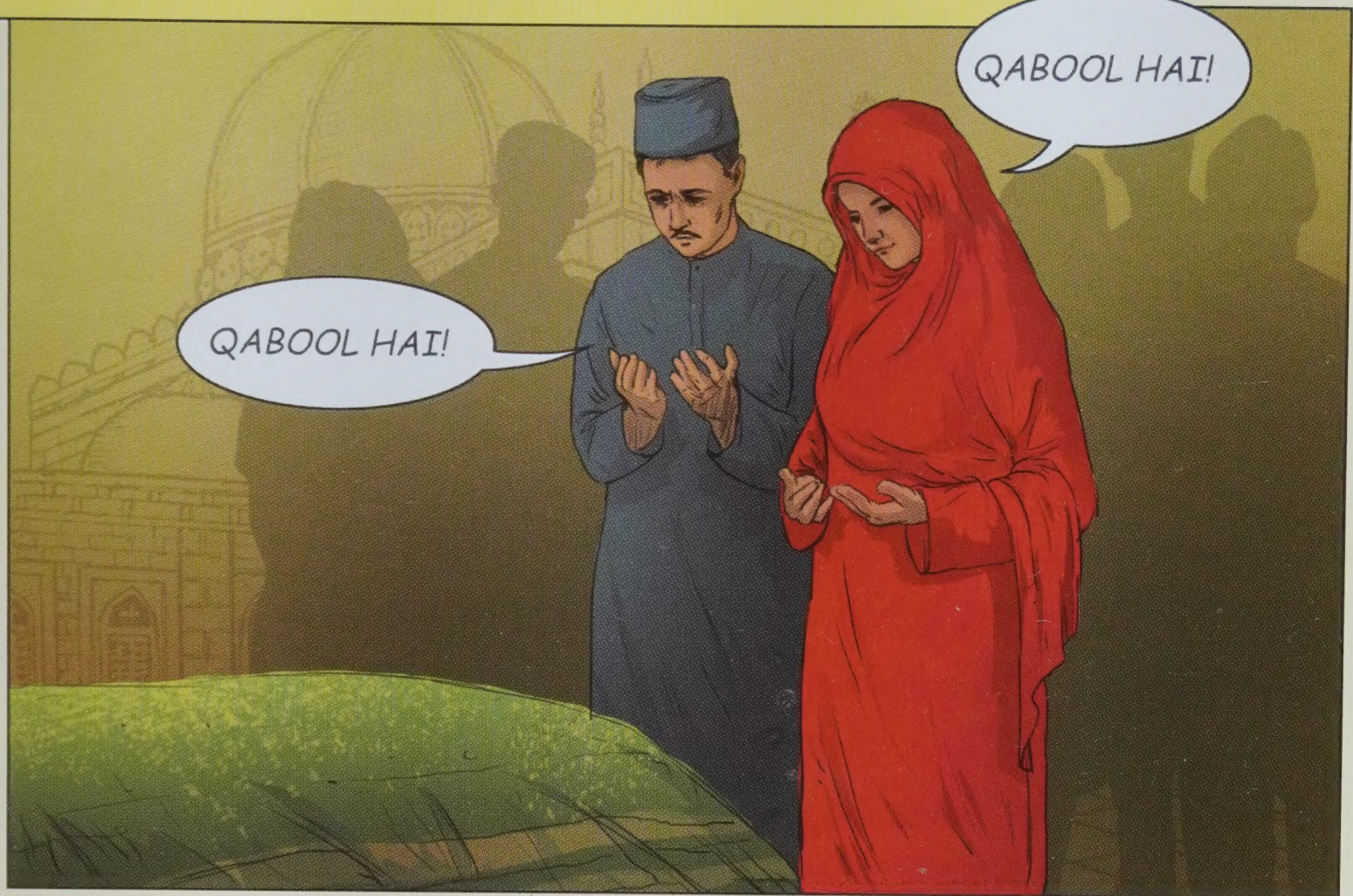
ABDUL HAMID'S
FATHER RUSHED
HOME TO SPEAK TO
ABDUL'S MOTHER.

YOUR SON WANTS
TO JOIN THE ARMY.

WE SHOULD FIND
A BRIDE FOR HIM.
ONCE HE HAS
CHILDREN, HE WILL
FORGET
THE ARMY.



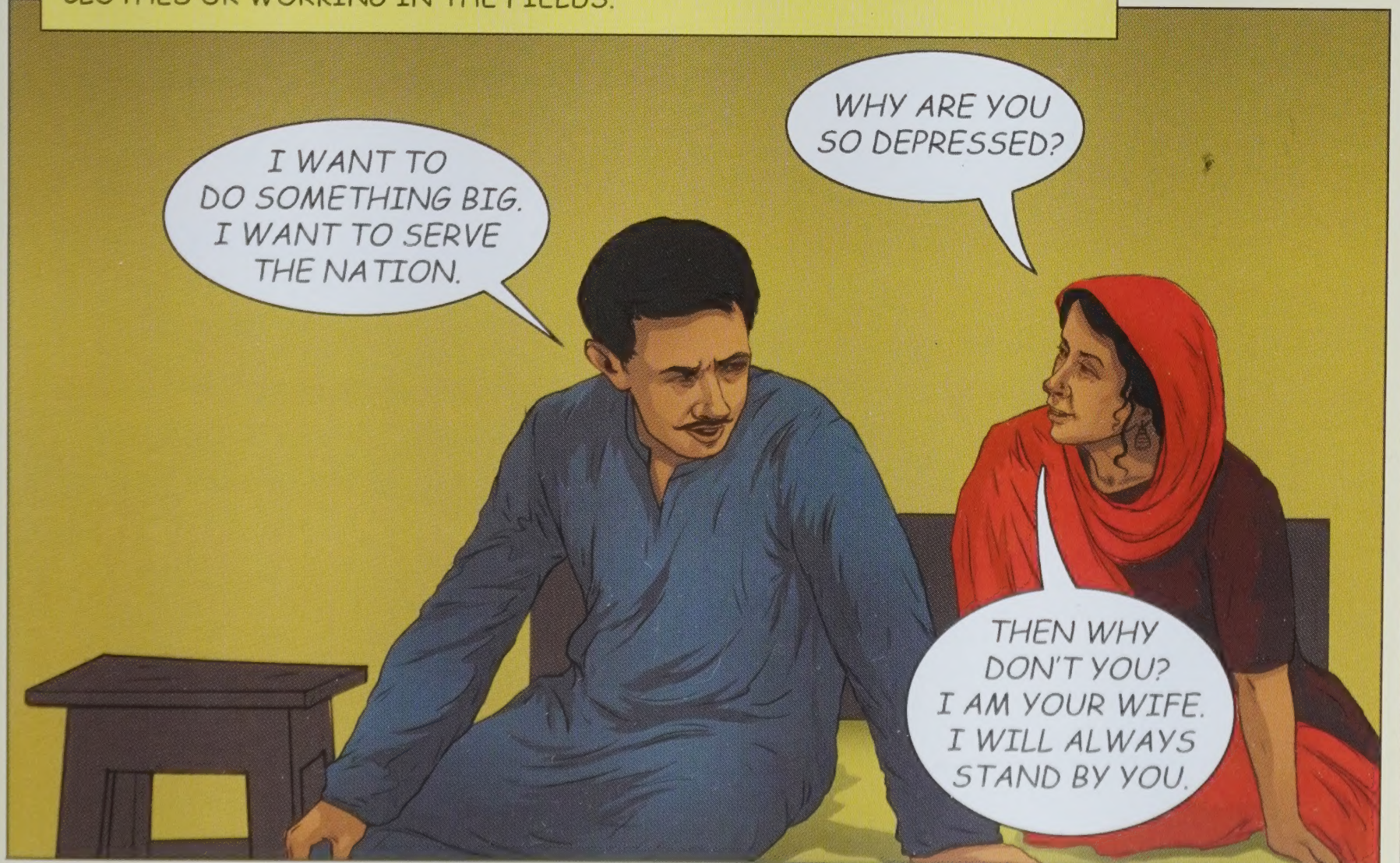
SOON ABDUL HAMID WAS MARRIED TO RASOOLAN BIBI.



QABOOL HAI!

QABOOL HAI!

BUT EVEN AFTER MARRIAGE, ABDUL HAMID WAS NOT HAPPY STITCHING CLOTHES OR WORKING IN THE FIELDS.



I WANT TO
DO SOMETHING BIG.
I WANT TO SERVE
THE NATION.

WHY ARE YOU
SO DEPRESSED?

THEN WHY
DON'T YOU?
I AM YOUR WIFE.
I WILL ALWAYS
STAND BY YOU.

ABDUL HAMID WENT TO THE ARMY RECRUITMENT RALLY. HE FULFILLED ALL THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.

VERY GOOD.
YOUR FITNESS
LEVEL IS GOOD.

THANK YOU SIR.

ABDUL HAMID WAS ENROLLED INTO THE 4TH BATTALION OF THE GRENADIERS ON DECEMBER 7, 1954. HE WAS A PASSIONATE SOLDIER AND EXCELLED IN ALL MILITARY EXERCISES AND GAMES.

IN 1962, WHEN CHINA ATTACKED INDIA, 4 GRENADIERS WAS DEPLOYED AT THE THAG-LA RIDGE, NEFA (NOW ARUNACHAL PRADESH).

FIRE!

HIT BACK AT THE CHINESE.

WAVE AFTER WAVE OF CHINESE SOLDIERS KEPT ATTACKING THE INDIAN DEFENCES.

**BA
BOOOM**

**BANG!
BANG!
BANG!**

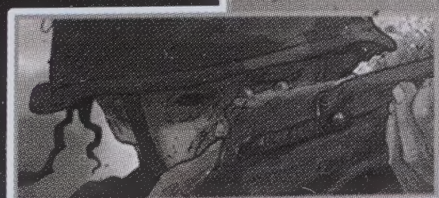
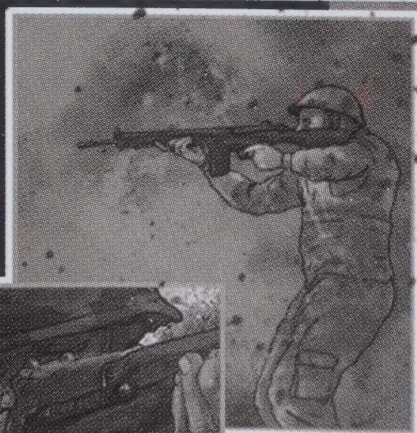
DUCK FOR COVER.

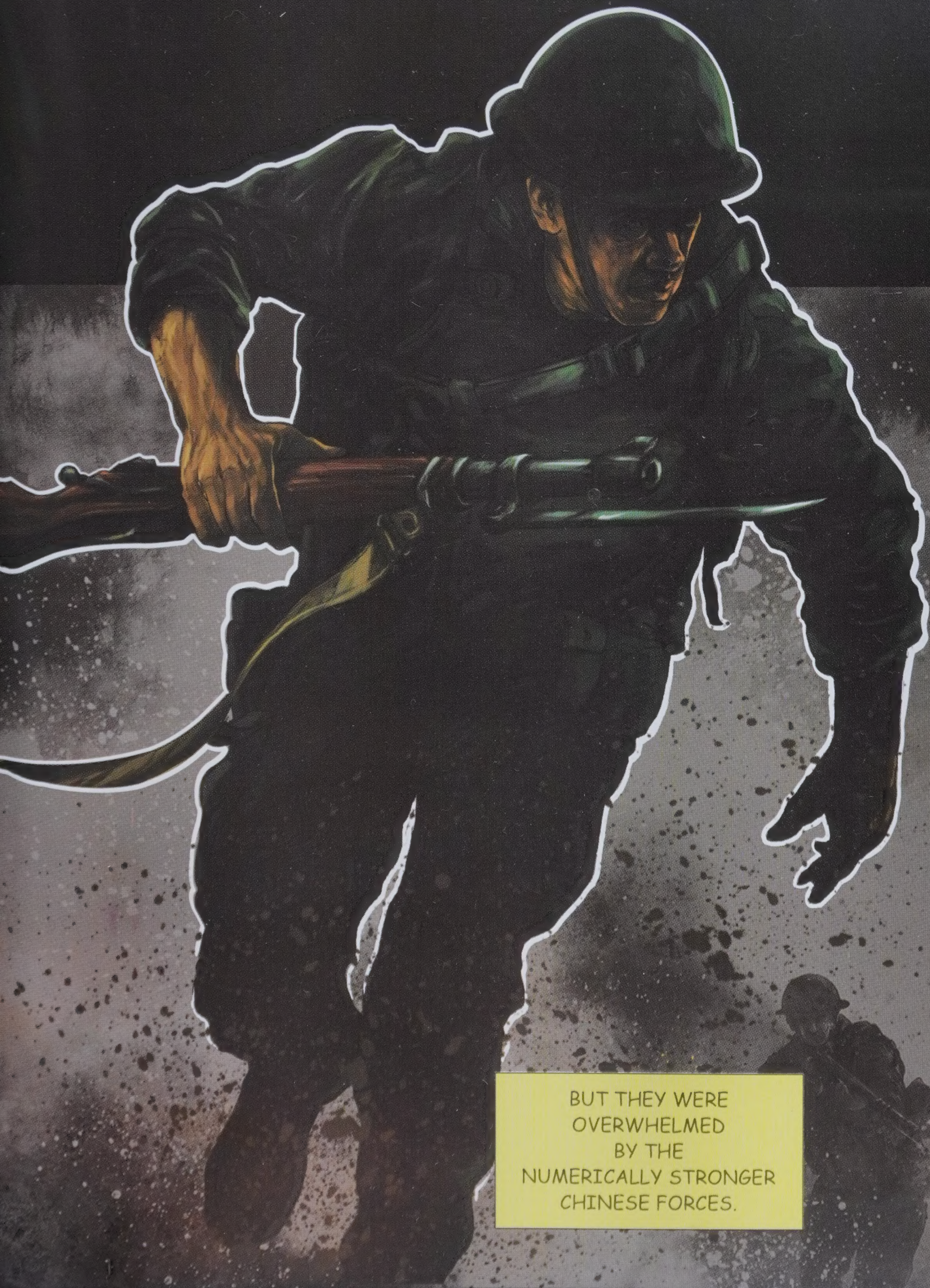
THERE WAS HEAVY FIRING FROM BOTH SIDES.

TWO OF HIS BUDDIES
WERE KILLED IN COMBAT.
THIS BROKE HIS HEART.



BUT THE INDIAN SOLDIERS FOUGHT BRAVELY AGAINST ALL ODDS...





BUT THEY WERE
OVERWHELMED
BY THE
NUMERICALLY STRONGER
CHINESE FORCES.

AFTER THE INDIA-CHINA WAR, ABDUL HAMID WAS TASKED TO UNDERGO TRAINING TO OPERATE THE 106 MM RECOILLESS GUN MOUNTED ON THE SECOND WORLD WAR WILLY'S JEEP.

AIM FOR THE ENEMY TANK. WAIT FOR IT TO COME IN RANGE AND THEN FIRE. IS THAT CLEAR?

YES SIR.

ABDUL HAMID DID EXTREMELY WELL AND WAS SOON PROMOTED AS AN INSTRUCTOR TO TRAIN YOUNGER RECRUITS.

SHABASH! YOU HAVE DONE EXTREMELY WELL. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU.

THANK YOU SIR.

IN SEPTEMBER 1965, PAKISTAN ATTACKED INDIA AGAIN IN JAMMU & KASHMIR AND PUNJAB. COMPANY QUARTER MASTER HAVILDAR (CQMH) ABDUL HAMID WAS ON LEAVE LISTENING TO THE RADIO.

PAKISTAN HAS ATTACKED INDIA. ALL LEAVE HAS BEEN CANCELLED. ALL SOLDIERS REPORT FOR DUTY.

I SAW A BAD DREAM, I AM VERY WORRIED. PLEASE TAKE CARE.

I AM A SOLDIER. YOU ARE A SOLDIER'S WIFE. DON'T WORRY.

4 GRENADIERS WAS TASKED TO DEFEND THE KHEMKARAN-BHIKHIWIND AXIS FROM PAKISTANI ARMOUR ATTACK.

PAKISTAN HAS BRAND NEW PATTON TANKS. THEY HAVE INFRARED NIGHT FIGHTING CAPABILITIES. REMAIN ALERT 24 HOURS.

YES SIR.



CQMH ABDUL HAMID WAS TASKED TO MAN THE RECOIL LESS GUN, THE MOST BASIC INFANTRY WEAPON AGAINST ENEMY TANK.

QUICKLY DIG TRENCHES. OUR DEFENCES HAVE TO BE VERY STRONG.

COVER THE RCL JEEP WITH CAMOUFLAGE NET. NO TIME FOR OVERHEAD PROTECTION.



THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT, THEY WAITED IN THE SUGARCANE FIELDS FOR THE PAKISTANI ASSAULT.

ON 8 SEPTEMBER 1965, AROUND 8.30 IN THE MORNING, THE FIRST THREE PAKISTANI TANKS WERE SEEN APPROACHING.



WAIT... WAIT...
LET THEM COME CLOSER....
CLOSER... IN RANGE..

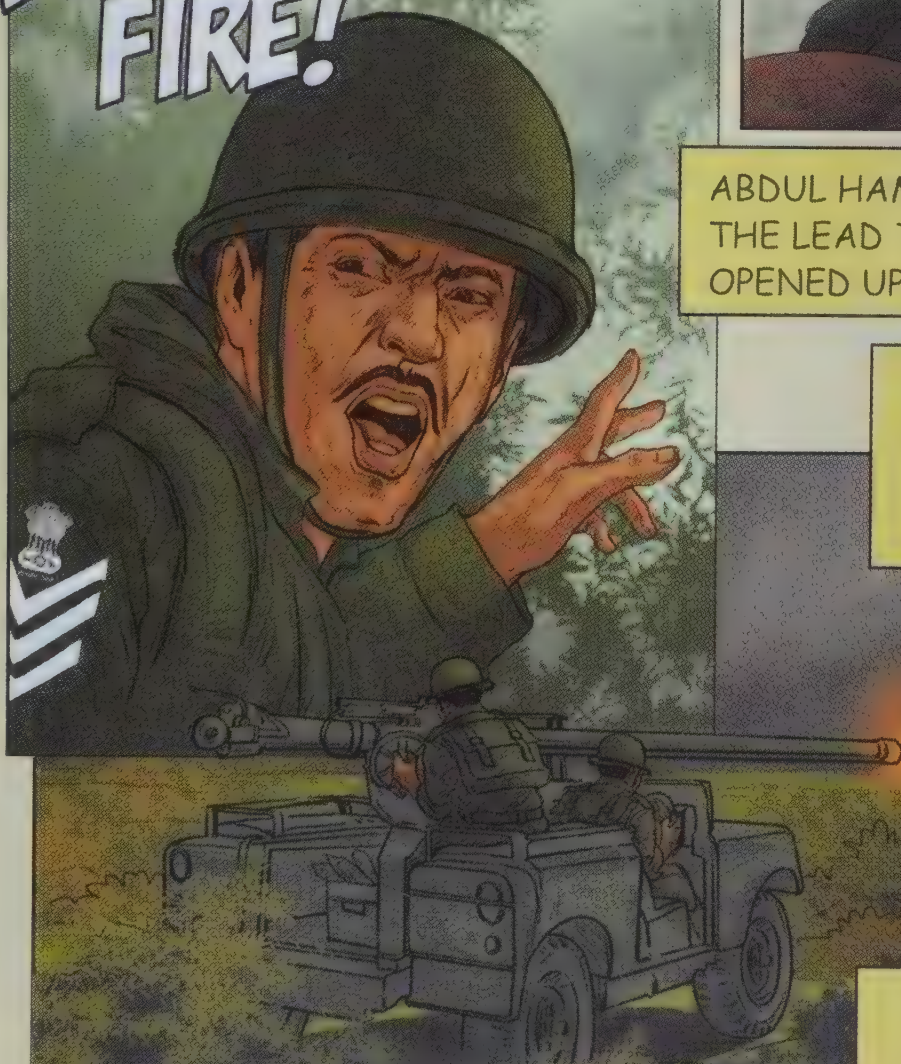
**FIRE!
FIRE!**



ABDUL HAMID CALCULATED THE DISTANCE. WHEN THE LEAD TANK WAS BARELY 50 YARDS AWAY, HE OPENED UP.

THE 106 MM RCL GUN SPAT THE ANTI TANK SHELL AND IT HIT THE TARGET. THE BRAND NEW PAKISTANI TANK CAUGHT FIRE, KILLING ITS CREW.

RUN RUN
RUN...



THE OCCUPANTS OF THE TWO OTHER PAKISTANI TANKS, ABANDONED THEIR TANKS AND FLED AWAY.

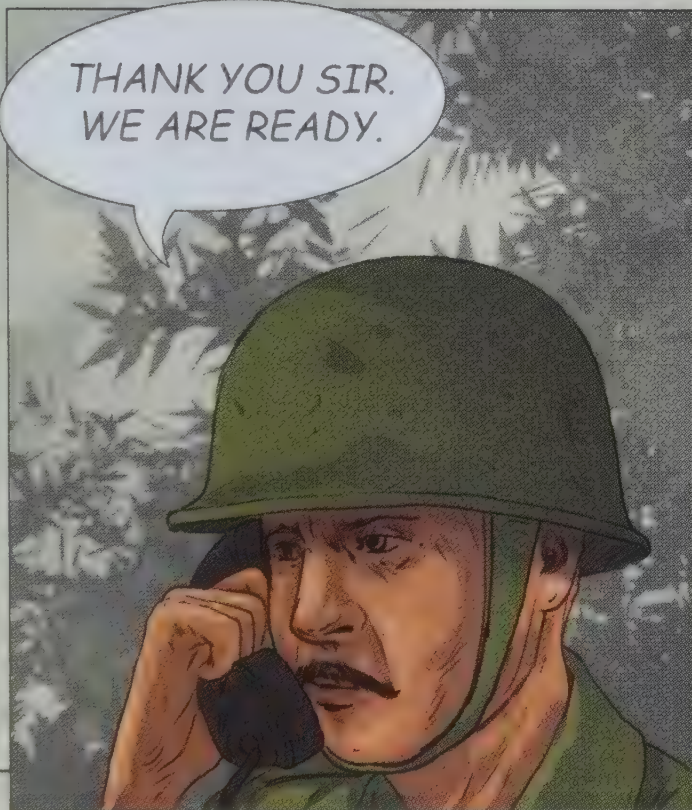


CQMH ABDUL HAMID REACHED OUT AND HUGGED HIS JEEP DRIVER, MOHAMMED NASEEM. THEY HAD TASTED VICTORY EARLY IN BATTLE.



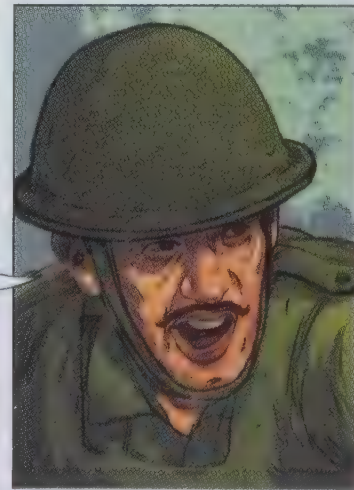
VERY GOOD ABDUL.
VERY GOOD.
STAY ALERT. THERE WILL
BE ANOTHER ATTACK.

THANK YOU SIR.
WE ARE READY.



AND WITHIN TWO HOURS, THE PAKISTANI
ATTACK CAME AGAIN. ANOTHER THREE
PAKISTANI TANKS WERE SEEN APPROACHING.

STEADY...
STEADY...
LET THEM COME
CLOSER...CLOSER.



WITH NERVES OF STEEL, HE WAITED TILL THE TANK WAS BARELY 50 YARDS AWAY AND THEN SUDDENLY OPENED UP.

FIRE... FIRE...

DON'T LET HIM
GET AWAY.

HIS RCL GUN FOUND ITS TARGET AND ANOTHER PAKISTANI TANK WENT UP IN FLAMES. ITS CREW PERISHED. QUICKLY CHANGING FLANK, ABDUL HAMID TARGETED THE THIRD PAKISTANI TANK ON DAY ONE OF THE ASSAULT.

BA BOOOM



SHABASH! ABDUL.
YOU HAVE DESTROYED
THREE TANKS SINGLE
HANDEDLY.
EXCELLENT SHOT.
I AM VERY
PROUD OF YOU.

NO ABDUL.
YOU WILL
WIN FOR THE COUNTRY.
YOU HAVE TO LIVE
AND TRAIN ANOTHER
GENERATION
OF SOLDIERS.

THANK YOU SIR!
IT IS OUR
TEAM WORK.
WE WILL DIE FOR
THE COUNTRY.

YES SIR!

ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT, CQMH ABDUL HAMID SLEPT ON THE CO-DRIVER'S SEAT OF HIS JEEP, ALERT FOR ANOTHER ARMOUR ASSAULT.

ON SEPTEMBER 9, THE 1 ARMoured DIVISION
OF PAKISTANI ARMY ATTACKED THRICE.



THE PAKISTANI ARMY DID NOT KNOW THAT THE BRAVE ABDUL
HAMID AND HIS TEAM OF 4 GRENADIERS WAS LYING IN WAIT.



WOOSH!

BOOOOM!

ANOTHER PAKISTANI TANK WENT UP IN FLAMES.

THE FOURTH TANK TRIED TO TURN AROUND BUT QUICKLY CHANGING FLANK, ABDUL HAMID AND HIS JEEP DRIVER MOHAMMED NASEEM WENT CLOSER TO THE TANK.

QUICK BUDDY,
DON'T LET HIM
GET AWAY.

NO BROTHER.
HE WILL NOT
GET AWAY.



THE FOURTH TANK ALSO MET THE SAME FATE.
BANG! THE TANK WENT UP IN FLAMES. ITS CREW PERISHED.



THE INDIAN CAMP WAS JUBILANT. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF WARFARE THAT SO MANY BRAND NEW PAKISTANI TANKS HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY THE BASIC ANTI TANK WEAPON –THE JEEP MOUNTED RCL. CQMH ABDUL HAMID WAS RECOMMENDED FOR A PARAM VIR CHAKRA FOR HIS UNPARALLELED BRAVERY.

BUT THE TASK WAS FAR FROM OVER. A VERY DESPERATE PAKISTANI ARMY ON 10 SEPTEMBER, LAUNCHED ANOTHER ATTACK ALONG WITH A MASSIVE AIR STRIKE. PAKISTANI SABRE JETS ATTACKED INDIAN POSITIONS DROPPING BOMBS TRYING TO SOFTEN INDIAN DEFENCES.



THEN THE PAKISTANI ARTILLERY OPENED UP WITH THEIR BIG GUNS. THINKING THAT THE INDIAN DEFENCES HAD CRUMBLLED, THE PAKISTANI ARMOUR ASSAULT BEGAN.



DESPITE THE SHELLING, TAKING GRAVE RISK TO HIS LIFE, THE DRIVER MOHAMMED NASEEM AND CQMH ABDUL HAMID DROVE TOWARDS THE PAKISTANI TANKS.

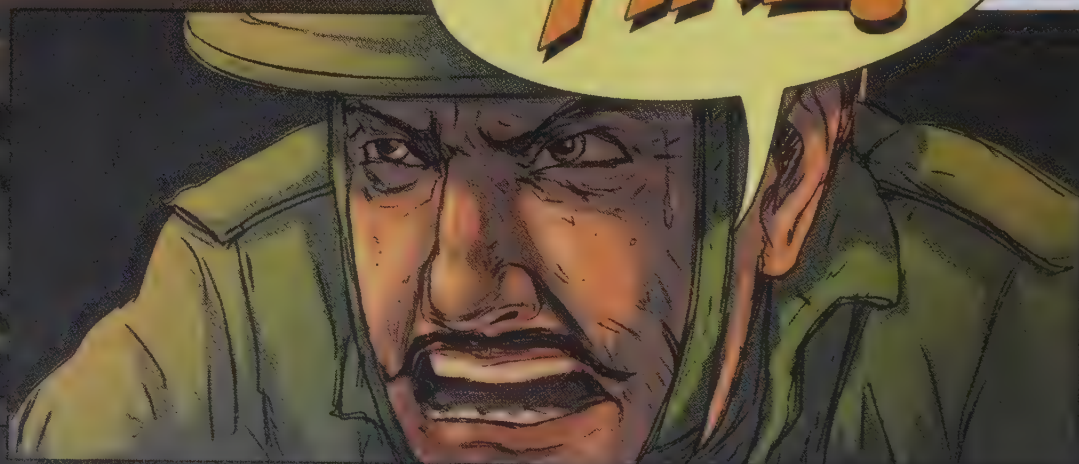
QUICK,
PAKISTANI TANKS ARE
GOING TOWARDS
THE ROAD HEAD. LETS
STOP THEM.

AS SOON AS THEY APPROACHED THE PAKISTANI TANKS,
ABDUL HAMID ONCE AGAIN TOOK AIM.

FIRE!
AND ONE
MORE
PAKISTANI
TANK
WENT UP
IN FLAMES.

BANGG!

FIRE!



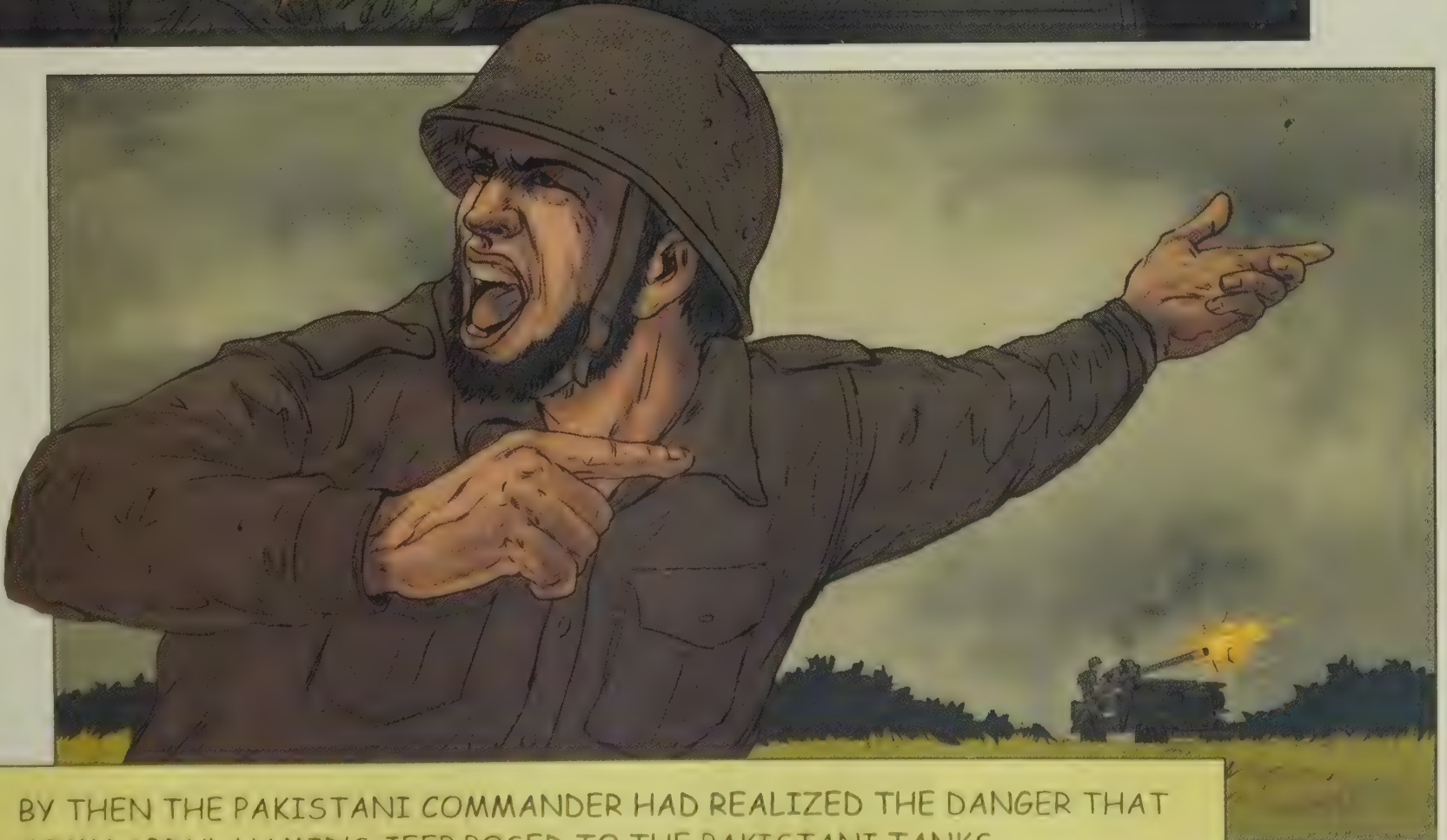


QUICK BUDDY,
CHANGE
POSITION.

JUST AS THE DRIVER ,
MOHAMMED NASEEM, WAS TURNING THE
JEEP, A BULLET HIT HIM IN THE SHOULDER.

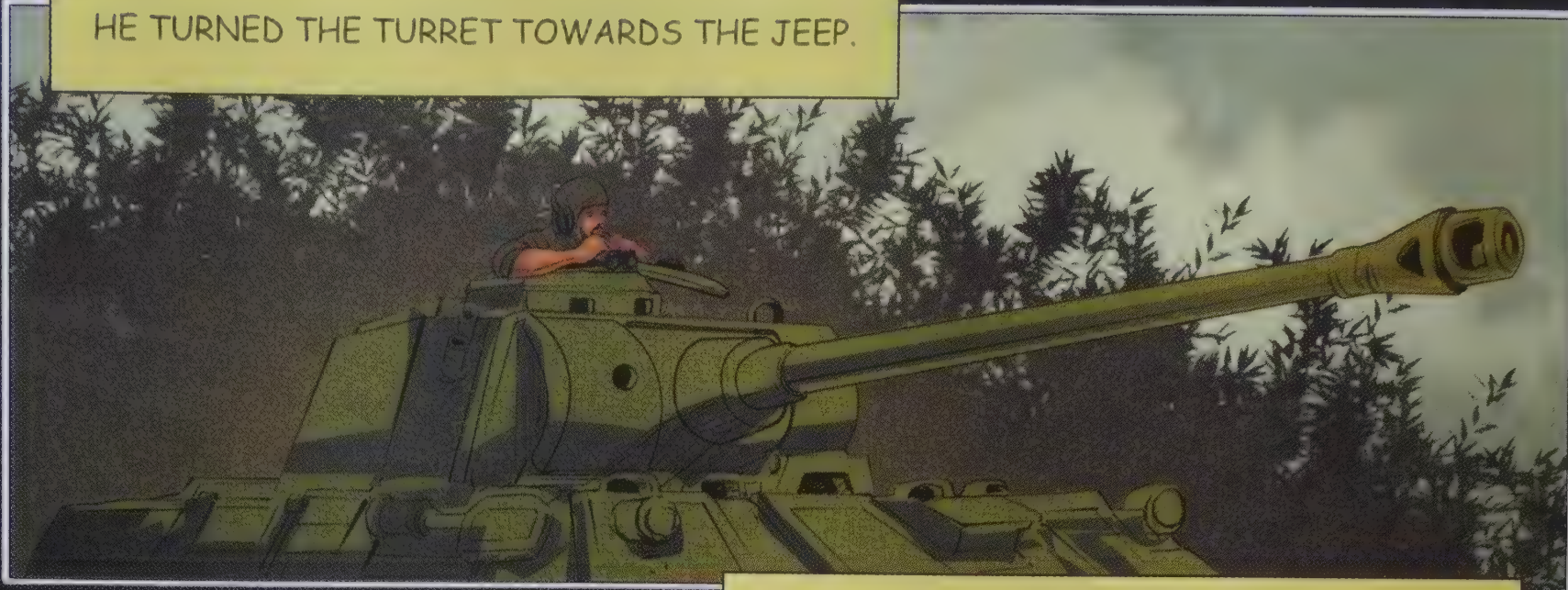
AAAAH!
I AM HIT.

OUCH!

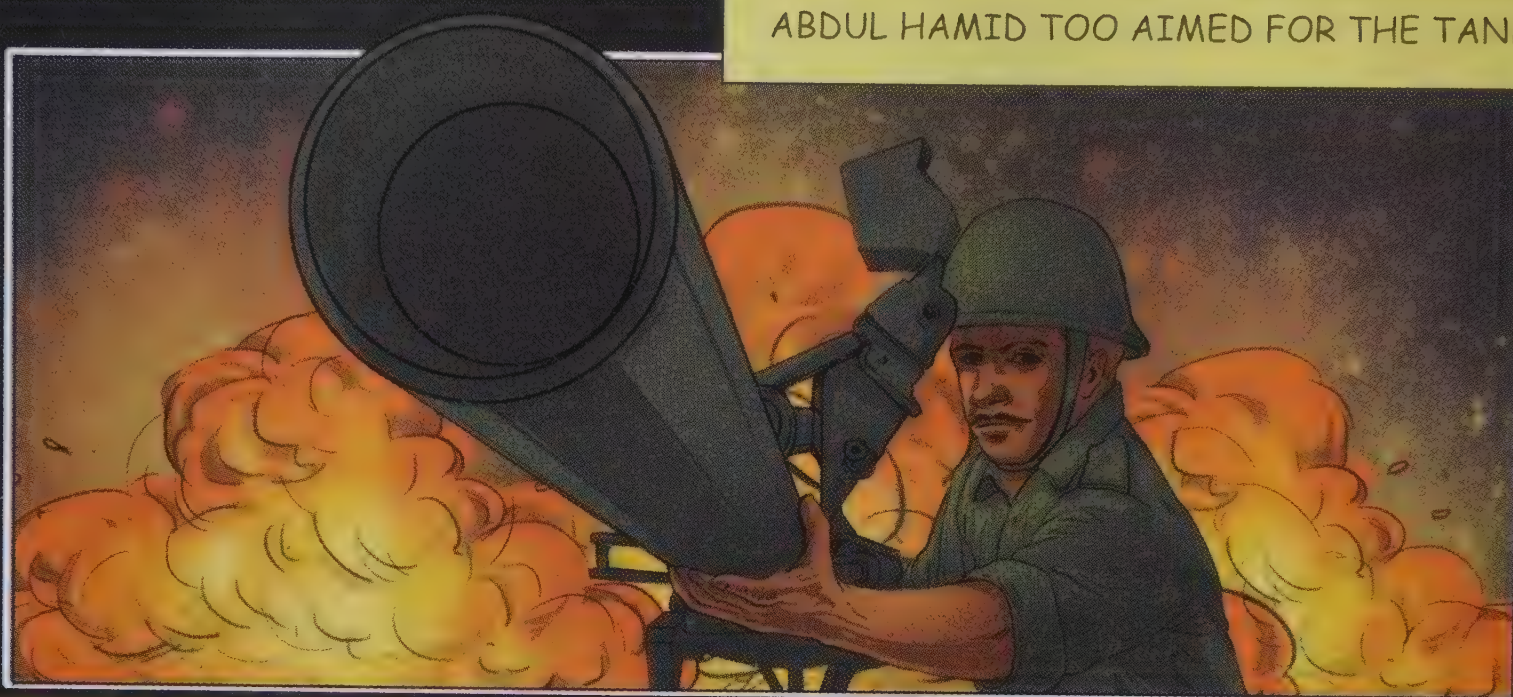


BY THEN THE PAKISTANI COMMANDER HAD REALIZED THE DANGER THAT
CQMH ABDUL HAMID'S JEEP POSED TO THE PAKISTANI TANKS.

HE TURNED THE TURRET TOWARDS THE JEEP.

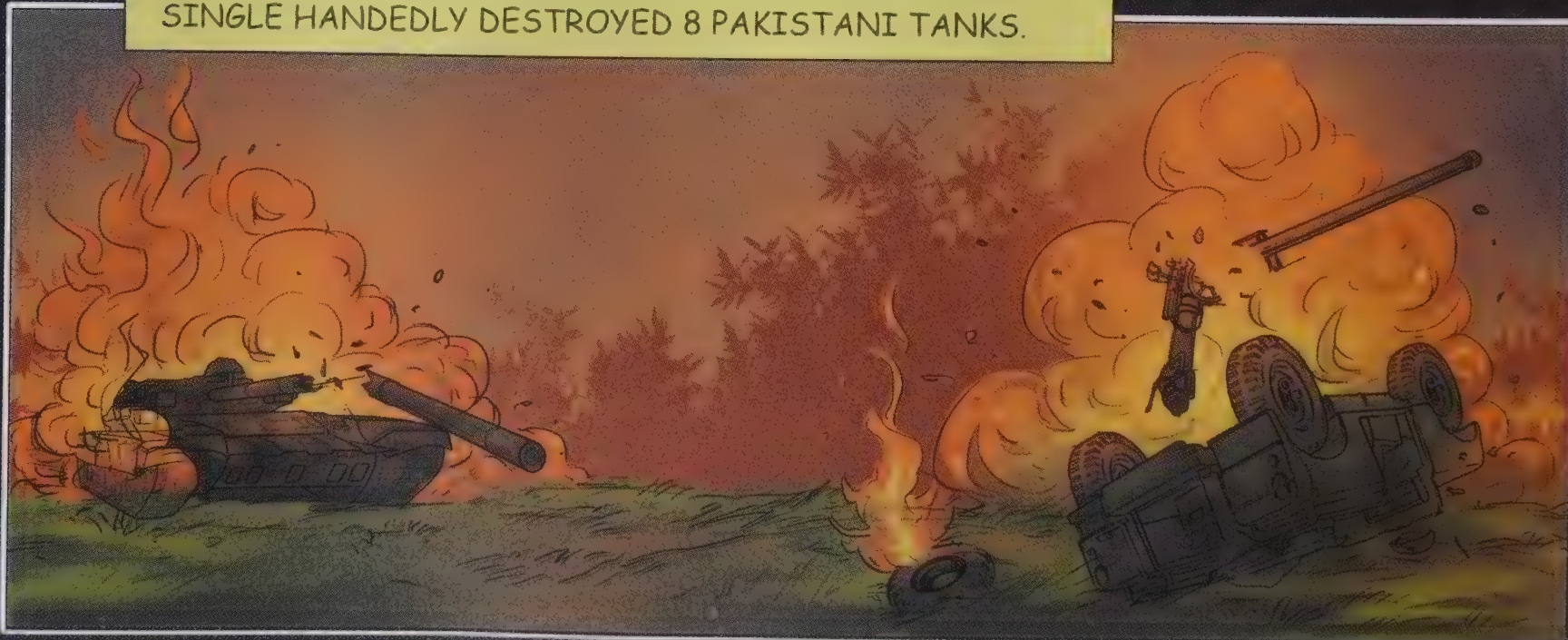


ABDUL HAMID TOO AIMED FOR THE TANK.



TOGETHER THEY FIRED. BOTH SCORED A DIRECT HIT. THE PAKISTANI TANK WAS DESTROYED. CQMH ABDUL HAMID'S JEEP WAS ALSO HIT.

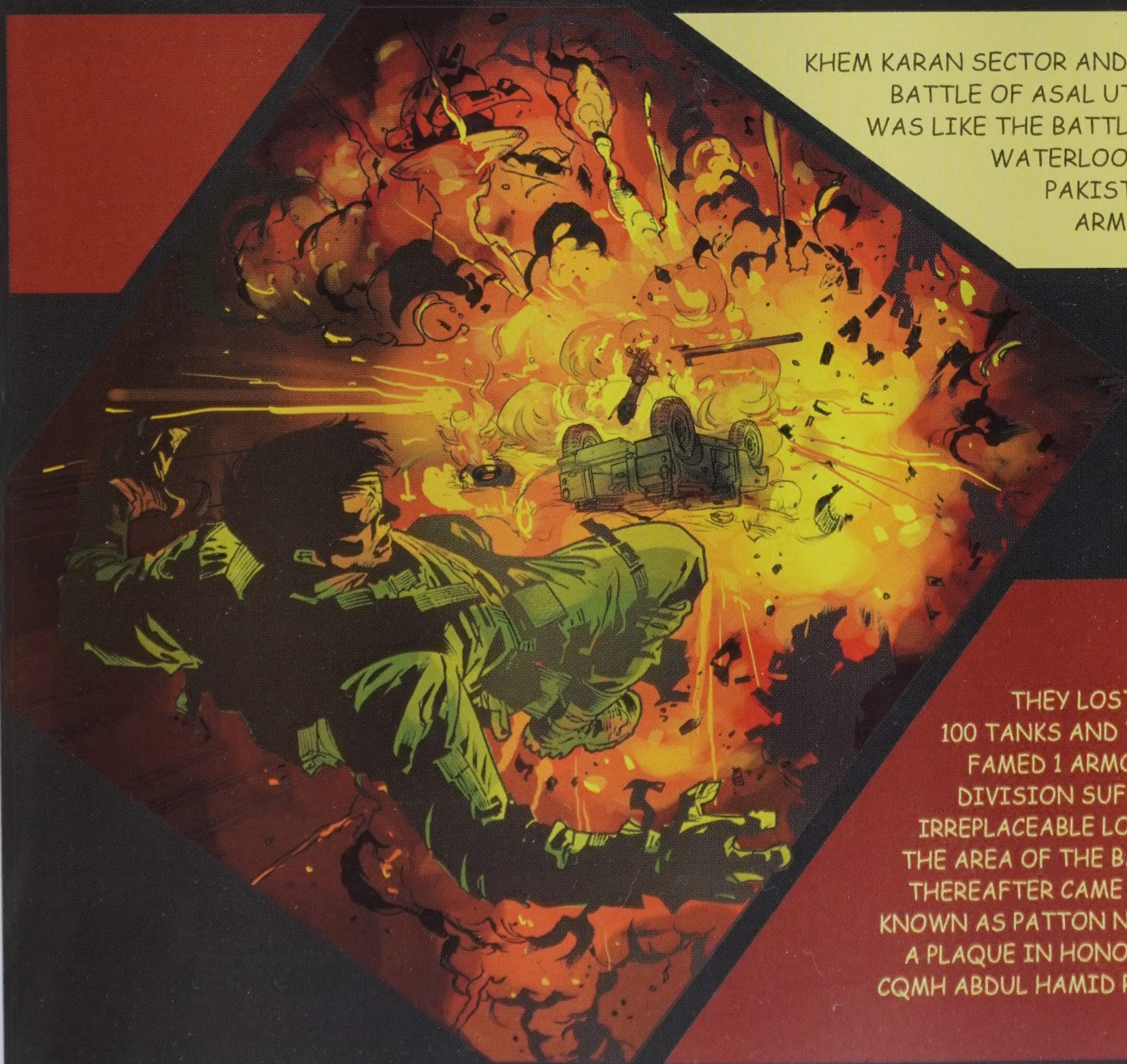
THE BRAVEST OF THE BRAVE, CQMH ABDUL HAMID HAD MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE OF HIS LIFE. HE HAD SINGLE HANDEDLY DESTROYED 8 PAKISTANI TANKS.



HIS COMRADES-IN-ARMS ENGAGED THE REMAINING PAKISTANI TANKS,
FIRING RELENTLESSLY TILL THE PAKISTANIS ABANDONED THEIR TANKS AND RAN.



KHEM KARAN SECTOR AND THE
BATTLE OF ASAL UTTAR
WAS LIKE THE BATTLE OF
WATERLOO FOR
PAKISTANI
ARMOUR.



THEY LOST OVER
100 TANKS AND THEIR
FAMED 1 ARMoured
DIVISION SUFFERED
IRREPLACEABLE LOSSES.
THE AREA OF THE BATTLE
THEREAFTER CAME TO BE
KNOWN AS PATTON NAGAR.
A PLAQUE IN HONOUR OF
CQMH ABDUL HAMID READS



NEVER IN THE HISTORY
OF WAR FARE HAVE SO MANY
TANKS BEEN DESTROYED BY ANY
INFANTRYMAN—A FEAT ACHIEVED
BY CQMH ABDUL HAMID OF
4 GRENADIERS WHO
DESTROYED 8 PAKISTANI
TANKS WITH HIS 106 RECOIL
LESS GUN BEFORE
LAYING DOWN HIS
LIFE FOR THE NATION.

HE WAS AWARDED THE PVC
POSTHUMOUSLY FOR THIS
DARING ACT.

SARVADA SHAKTISHALI.

- THERE ARE CONFLICTING REPORTS ABOUT THE NUMBER OF TANKS DESTROYED BY CQMH ABDUL HAMID.
- HIS CITATION FOR PVC READS 3 TANKS. BUT THAT IS ALSO BECAUSE IT WAS SENT ON DAY 1 (SEPT 8, WHEN HE DESTROYED THE FIRST 3 PAKISTANI TANKS).
- GRENADIERS REGIMENT RECORDS SHOW, IN 3 DAYS CQMH ABDUL HAMID DESTROYED 8 TANKS.



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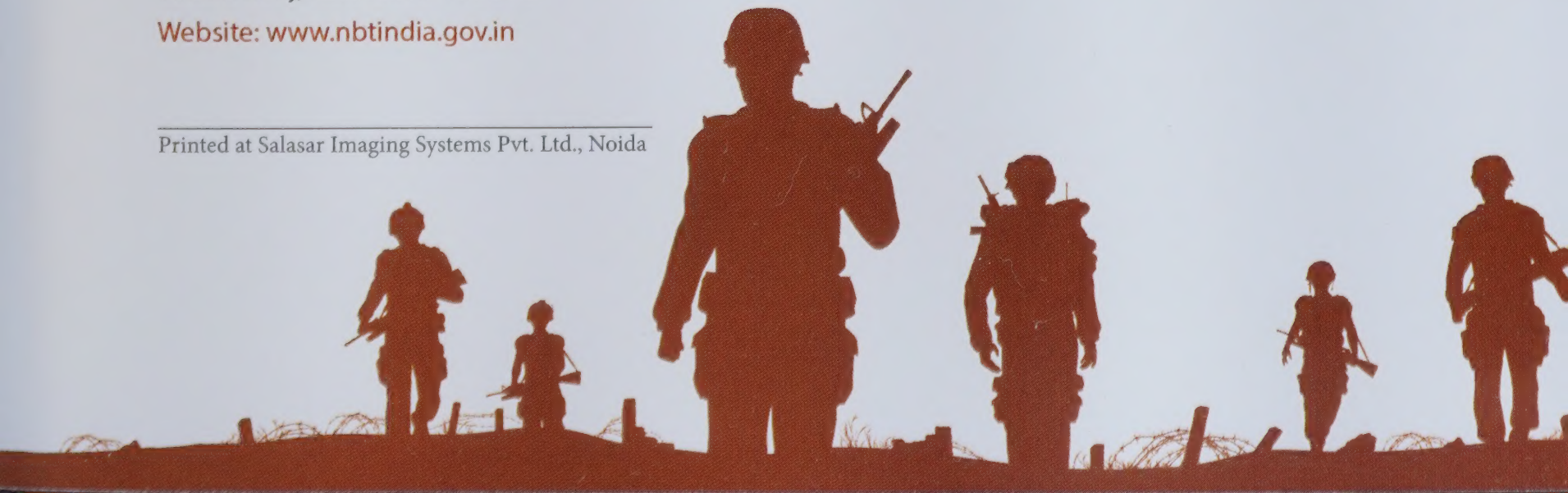
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